

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 881BB7ED50D7A279

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000221.029

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 08 September 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer generated image depicts a man involving a young girl in sexual activity. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. That the image is computer generated rather than photographic does not diminish its effect. It has been intentionally created to replicate the real-life sexual abuse of children by adults. It presents young girls as sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual use, and further encourages and legitimises such an interest. The image is clearly intended to be sexually arousing to people with a prurient interest in young girls. The image may also be used for grooming purposes. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The objectionable classification given to this image interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concerns of a "free and democratic" society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.